



MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CANBERRA

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Senator G.D. McIntosh,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600.

Dear Gordon,

I refer to the concern you expressed during the Adjournment Debate on 22 September about the welfare of three East Timorese students, Antonio Gonsalvez, Francisco Carhalvo and Joao da Camara.

In general, the Government seeks to ensure that expressions of concern it makes on behalf of persons allegedly arrested or detained are well based. For this reason, our Embassy has been conducting active and thorough enquiries about the three students and will continue to do so. In view of your strong interest in this case, however, I have, in addition, instructed our Embassy in Jakarta to register with Indonesian authorities the concern felt in Australia for the welfare of the three men.

Yours sincerely,

GARETH EVANS